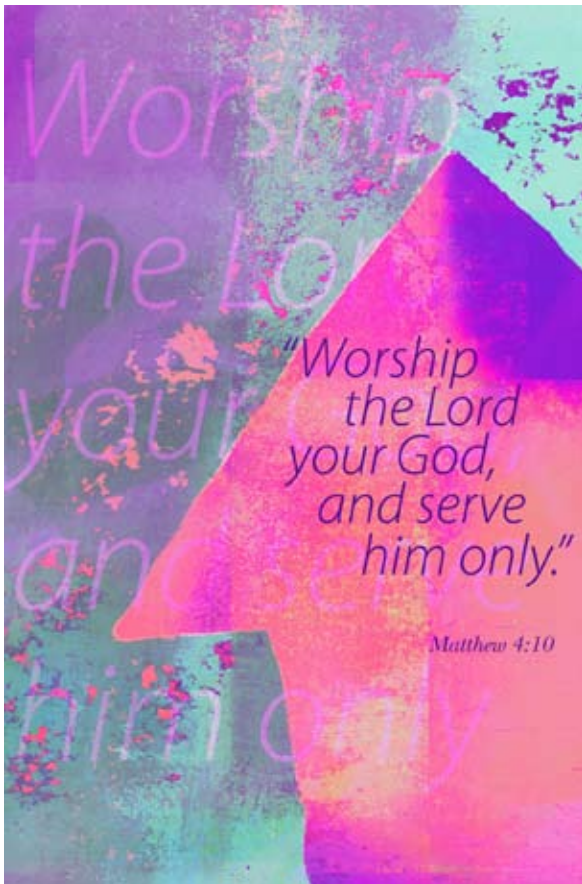




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# THE CHATTER

## WORSHIP IN 2012



One of the aspects of St. Andrew's that I have particularly enjoyed since coming here last summer is worship. The music at both services is excellent. The band at 9:15 is without peer, and the choir at 11:15 has made my eyes well up on more than one occasion. The congregation always seems pleased to be there, and that joy gives energy to everything. Thank you God for the gift of worship.

I've tinkered with a few things here and there with worship, and I'll probably continue tinkering through 2012. Little things about the order of worship might change with season or occasion. But, I'd also like to look at some big things such as our worship times. Sunday School, by most accounts that I hear, is pinched by our current schedule. In 2012 I'd like to take a look at all the possible solutions for this that we can think of, and then prayerfully test out a solution. The Christian education, formation, fellowship, and service that comes from our Sunday Schools is too important to abbreviate. I know today that whatever solution we try months from now will not please everyone. I do believe, however, that a thoughtful, prayerful consideration of our Sunday morning schedule can make us a stronger congregation. I'll keep you posted on how this develops.

More immediately we have some special things planned for the coming weeks. The month of February will be devoted to studying Holy Communion. We will observe The Lord's Supper each week in February and I will preach teaching sermons about the sacrament. The last Sunday in February is also the first Sunday in Lent. Our Lenten journey will begin on Ash Wednesday, 2/22 at a service where we will observe the imposition of ashes.

I look forward to worshipping with you in 2012.

Peace,  
Dan

## STATE OF THE CHURCH.

As we start the new year, St. Andrew's is a busy place.

Fellowship meals have resumed as well as several Bible Studies. Each Thursday, we continue to serve our neighbors through Room in the Inn. It is hard to believe it with the chill in the air today, but there are folks already hard at work planning how St Andrew's will minister to our community this summer.

Last year, we committed to periodically take time to review where we are as a church. We will come together in the spirit of Christ's community and hold a "State of the Church" Service on Sunday, February 19 at 6:30 p.m. This will be a time for us to share an update on the ministries and fiscal state of the church. Please mark your calendars to join us at this Service as we continue to seek God's will and direction for St. Andrews.

Dana Sanford



## SOUP-ER BOWL SUNDAY

Please place your order now for a delicious meal of homemade vegetable beef soup, cornbread and brownies to take home after church on February 5th.

It will be great to be able to watch the Super Bowl and not have to worry about what's for dinner. All you need to do is warm it up in the microwave. Please see Pam Bame after either worship service on Sunday, January 22nd or 29th to order. Proceeds go to the Nicaragua Building Team leaving on March 10th. Please contact Pam at 704-661-2659 with any questions.



## PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION TIME IS HERE!

Did you know that St. Andrew's Preschool Program was founded in 1960?! We have been loving, caring, and encouraging preschoolers for 51 years and would love to have your children or grandchildren as a part of our program.

Classes are offered for ages 1 year through 4 years and new for the 2012-2013 year, Transitional Kindergarten! Registration begins for the church on February 10th at 9:00 a.m. and will be on a first come, first serve basis. Registration forms will be available from Amanda Newhouse or Cheryl Broerman. Please call the Preschool Office at 704-553-7896 with any questions or to arrange a visit.

## CHIMING IN

### What's happen in Children's Handbell and Chimes at St. Andrew's!

This is the first article highlighting the children and youth handbell and chime programs at St. Andrews. Hopefully it will become a regular in the Chatter.



Christmas Eve was such fun for all the players, and we hope everyone enjoyed our holiday offerings. For those of you who attended, you were able to see firsthand what a fantastic group of children we have in this area of our church-wide music program. Many thanks go to our dedicated parents who not only see that our chimers and ringers are able to attend practice, but who also encourage their children, and me, to love what we do and have fun.

The new chime and handbell season has begun. Chimers will meet at 5:15 p.m. in the bell room #18. For the first two weeks of rehearsal, any child attending second through sixth grade is welcome to join us. No past musical experience is necessary. This is an opportunity to give chimes a try and see what fun it can be. After the first two weeks we must close membership until next season, which will be September of 2012.

The Angelic Ringers will start at 6:45 p.m. also in the bell room #18. Membership in this group comes in one of two ways; by audition or by "graduation" from the Chimers. The Ringers are a more advanced group and have a working knowledge of music theory and musical values. Madison Collard, who has been a Chimer for three seasons, will be joining the Angelica Ringers this season! Congratulations Madison!

As you may know, each group of youth in our church has a leader and a Safe Sanctuary Buddy. I'm very pleased to announce that Beverly Brown has agreed to be our Buddy in the Chimer group. Beverly does so much in our church, in so many areas, and we are blessed that her heart continues to lead her towards working with the children. Welcome Beverly, and thank you!

And so we begin a new season of Chiming and Ringing. Thank you for supporting the children in this experience. Your kind words and encouragement go a long way. Both groups look forward to sharing our joy with you in the coming months. If you have any questions or comment, please do not hesitate to contact me at 704-588-7433 or by email at gadwallnjm@att.net.

In His love and joy,  
Nancy Jo Michaud

## STAYING IN TOUCH

### THANK YOU

We would like to thank all of you for the many kindnesses shown to us at our loss of Blake. We could feel the love and support of our church family and we will always remember that.

We love you.

Bob and Shirley Tripp

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Thank you for all of the kind words, hugs, cards and phone calls. Being in the St. Andrew's family has made my grief so much easier to bear.

Love, Nicole Campbell

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Thank you to everyone who brought cookies for the after Cantata Social. Also, a big thank you to all my helpers who set up, served and cleaned up. A good time was had by all.

Thank you from Milly Ash  
Family Ministries Chairperson

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Dear Everyone at St. Andrew's

Last fall our Therapeutic Recreation group performed their original play, Alice and the Rabbit, at your church. We are so grateful to have such a supportive community who recognizes the needs of everyone and allowed us to use your very accessible stage and lift. Because of your love we were able to put on the production to friends and family. Thank you all so much for your generosity and kindness towards our group. You are all wonderful and it was definitely our pleasure to work with you.

Warmest Regards.  
Ariel and Margot and the  
Performing Arts Club

### HOSPITAL

Joe Harris - Lake Park Nursing and Rehab.  
3315 Faith Church Rd.  
Indian Trail, NC 28079

Gerald Johnson  
Carol Wilenchek's Dad is at Presbyterian Matthew.  
Karen Patrick - surgery  
John Redfern - The Summit Hospice

**CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** to the family of Rita Brown on the death of her husband Curtis Brown who was one of our St. Andrew's saints, to Tom Yokeley and family on the death of his father who passed away on January 4, 2012 and to Doris Campbell and family on the death of her husband Jack Campbell on January 8, 2012.



## BAILEY WILL HAVE HIS EAGLE SCOUT CEREMONY ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH.

We will have a light lunch at 12:30 in the FLC and the ceremony will follow at 1:30 PM. We invite our church family to join us for this celebration. So that we can plan for the meal, please call or email Dana if you plan to join us. You can contact me at [danasanford@carolina.rr.com](mailto:danasanford@carolina.rr.com) or 704-544-0693.

## UPDATE REPORT ABOUT ROOM IN THE INN.

In the month of December RITI provided 3,940 beds among the 106 churches and 29 colleges, YMCAs and other organizations. Of that number we provided 57 beds. This is an increase of 82 beds over the December 2010 report. Again, we thank everyone who participate in the program. We welcome extra volunteers at any time. Just put your name on the list that is posted on the bulletin board across from the office and in the Family Life Center. Thank you all! John & Karen Patrick, Larry & Mary Morris, Sam & Beverly Brown.

## FELLOWSHIP MEALS

### COME EAT - COME VOLUNTEER!

Wednesday evening meals began on January 18th. Menus and signup sheets for reservations and service opportunities are posted in the narthex or you may sign up on the blank in the Sunday Bulletin. PLEASE let us know of your expected attendance and your willingness to volunteer so that we may continue this program. For more information, call Ruth Mauldin.

**HARVESTERS** will meet on February 2, 2012 at 10:30AM in the Commons Room #1. Contact Rosada Lackey if you aren't called to let her know if you plan to attend at 704-551-6980. Martha Murray will have the program about "Belly Laughs". All of us need a laugh to start out the New Year. See you at Harvesters.

**HANNAH AND HER SISTERS** will meet on February 4, 2012 at 9:30 at the church in the Commons Room #1. We will be sending Valentines to the shut-ins.



**WHAT ARE YOU DOING LABOR DAY WEEKEND?** Going to Camp Tekoa with your church family? Reservation forms will be available soon!



**BECOME A FRIEND OF ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH ON FACEBOOK.**

# MISSION AND EDUCATION NEWS

## **CONFIRMATION CLASS: EXPLORING OUR CHRISTIAN FAITH.**

January 29: Visiting St. John's UMC. This is our English & Camodian speaking congregation. We'll be worshipping and hearing Pastor Sam Om's Faith Journey. Pastor Sam is a refugee from Cambodia and he began a Christian in a very unusual way. We'll stop for lunch on the way back to the church. Families are welcome to join this trip.

## **CONFIRMATION RETREAT: FEB. 3-5**

**AT CAMP TEKOA.** Meet at the church at 5:30pm on Friday. We're off to explore and experience Grace and Christian Community with a few other confirmation classes from North Carolina. We will return on Sunday by 2pm.

## **FEBRUARY 26: VISITING GREENVILLE MEMORIAL AME ZION CHURCH.**

We are not the only Methodists. The African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church has a fascinating history and awesome worship style. We'll meet at the church at 9am. This is a longer service than we are used to. Don't plan to return home until after lunch.

## **OUR CHILDREN ARE AMAZING!**

On Martin Luther King Day, over 22 children (with some great youth helpers!) came to church. They traveled to the Golden Living Center where our good friend Donna Burton lives. Anglo, African American & Latino children joined together to share a wonderful Talent Show for the residents. Oh, the residents loved our kids! There was singing, dancing, scripture, jokes and a cool trombone solo. When they came back to the church they worked together to build a campfire in a fire pit and roast hot dogs and make s'mores. Then they enjoyed a story about Martin Luther King Jr and made beautiful notes and treat bags for the men who will stay with us through Room In The Inn. What fun we had! Red and Yellow Black and White, they are precious in his sight.....indeed.

## **ADULT BIBLE STUDY "CELEBRATION OF DISCIPLINE" COMING FEBRUARY 12 4:30-6PM.**

Start the new year by challenging yourself to grow closer to



God. This study encourages participants to explore and engage in some classic spiritual disciplines like worship, prayer, Solitude, Study, Fasting and Simplicity. Ruth Mauldin will lead this study. She is an outstanding Bible Study leader and very knowledgeable about this topic. (The study is based on the best selling book, Celebration of Discipline, by Richard Foster. It is a DVD based study.) Sign up by emailing [sdevoid@standrewsumc.com](mailto:sdevoid@standrewsumc.com), calling the church office or stopping at the table in the Narthex.

## **FAMILY LENT WORKSHOP SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26 FROM 4:00-6PM**

This great family event will be an exciting Bible Study sharing ways families can observe the season of Lent at home. Invite your friends. We'll be making Lenten crosses, offering boxes, homemade pretzels and more. Lent is the church season, 40 days before Easter (not counting Sundays) when we focus on spiritual growth as we prepare for Easter.

## **MONTCLAIRE NEEDS TUTORS!**

30 minutes a week with a student at Montclair can make a huge difference. Confidence is boosted, skills are improved and your heart will be full. Please, please consider this act of compassion. The staff at Montclair LOVES St. Andrew's.

## **HELP A CLASS HAVE A VALENTINE PARTY.**

Grab a few of your friends and plan a simple Valentine Party for a class. This is easy to schedule and put together. You'll be a HERO!!!

## **FIX A MEAL FOR FAMILY NIGHT TUESDAYS, MARCH 27 & APRIL 10**

This is a really fun way to enjoy the families at the school. The school staff provides an excellent Parent Workshop and homework help for kids. This meal helps the families tremendously. Feel free to cook it yourself or call local restarantes for donations.

## **BUILDING A SCHOOL IN NICARAGUA**

**MARCH 10-17.** Several St. Andrew's Servants will travel to LaDalia, Nicaragua (in the heart of coffee county) to build a school for 50 children. We will be the 2nd team to work on this project. This school is part of a United Methodist Mission Agency called, Acion Medica Cristiana, which provides medical, educational, agricultural support to this very, very poor part of the world. You can see pictures at <http://amcenglish.org/>. Please remember this group in your prayers. Interested? We will organize another team to go in the summer or fall. Contact Sandy Devoid to find out more. ([sdevoid@standrewsumc.com](mailto:sdevoid@standrewsumc.com))

## **TALENT SHOW SUNDAY, MARCH 4 5:00PM. HAVING FUN RAISING MONEY FOR CAMP TEKOA SUMMER SCHOLARSHIPS!**

Sing, Dance, Juggle, Tell Jokes, Do magic, Perform a skit..... so that we can send LOTS of kids to Camp Tekoa this summer. Supper will be an awesome Dinner (thanks to Drew Haynes Neighbor). Suzzett Grist will be coordinating the show. We hope James Johnson will be with us again. This event was so much fun last year, we can't wait to see what happens this year! Sign up in the Narthex or Family Life Center. Camp Tekoa is our United Methodist Camp located in Hendersonville, NC. It provides outstanding summer programs for children and youth. We Love Camp Tekoa!

## **EDUCATION AREA WISH LIST**

are used often. Donations can be left by the rocking chair on the Archdale Hall.

Plastic Shoe boxes  
Pipe cleaners  
Markers  
Glue Sticks  
Pencils  
Large pad of newsprint

# FEBRUARY Birthdays

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|----------------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Robert Walker            | 16 Caitlin Patton    |
| 1 Emma Poteat              | 16 Becca Sergel      |
| 2 Jessica Carte            | 16 Myles Francis     |
| 3 Sam Weeks                | 18 Grayson Dowless   |
| 3 Camryn Tita              | 19 Carl Wissinger    |
| 5 Karen Patrick            | 21 Bob Neely         |
| 5 Robin Furr               | 21 Juanita Bailey    |
| 5 Jacob Adams              | 21 Jean Hunter       |
| 6 Ashleigh Plyler          | 21 Sam Hege          |
| 7 Ron Melvin               | 23 Paige Stokes      |
| 7 Emily Wiley              | 24 David Thornton    |
| 8 Martha Murray            | 25 Wayne Forbis      |
| 8 Mike Weeks               | 25 Donna Kingry      |
| 9 Del Smith                | 26 Geoffrey Hemenway |
| 11 Jim Warren              | 26 Lori Cook         |
| 11 Brooke Gillespie        | 27 David Branton     |
| 11 Destiny Richardson-Ross | 28 Matt Jones        |
| 12 Mary Jean Hodges        | 29 Jimmy Bradley     |
| 16 Adrian Jelley           |                      |



## HELP OUR SCHOOLS! Link your Harris Teeter VIC Card to our schools:

- Montclair Elementary – 1729**
- St. Andrew's Preschool – 3232**
- Bethlehem Center- 5609**

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**St. Andrew's Church cares  
about our children!**

## YOUTH SUMMER MISSION TRIP.

This summer, the youth will be going to Frakes, Kentucky July 8th-14th! This is a new ministry for St. Andrew's UMC, so I wanted to tell you a little bit about Henderson Settlement!



Henderson Settlement is part of the Red Bird Missionary Conference in Kentucky and is a United Methodist Mission.

Henderson Settlement has been in ministry since 1925. There are many facets to Henderson Settlement, and we will be participating in the Work Camp Area.

The work camp area serves the housing repair needs of the community. This mission is not just a youth mission, but a mission that brings many different generations together at Henderson Settlement! We may be there with UMM groups or UMW groups, other youth groups, young adult groups or even family groups!

The average median income in Charlotte, NC is around \$48,670 (according to 2000 census data) where as the median income for Bell County, Kentucky (of which Frakes is located) is about \$19,057 (also according to 2000 census data). Thirty-one percent of Bell County lives under the poverty line and forty-two percent of the folks 18 and under live under the poverty line.

Just like Charlotte, NC, Frakes, KY has been hit hard by the tough economic times. We hope to bring a little light to their world and help repair some of their homes as well!

So...the question is... How can you help! Here are some ways that you as a member of St. Andrew's UMC can participate in this year's youth mission trip!

1. Begin praying for our youth, the chaperones and the families we will be assisting.
2. Provide a full or partial scholarship to help cover the cost of youth need help financially to participate in the mission! Cost per person is \$225.00
3. Chaperone as a Family Group Leader (someone who is on the job site with the youth each day).
4. Chaperone as a Construction Supervisor (helps go from site to site and trouble shoot/assist with the projects).
5. Attend youth fundraisers!
  - a. Newlywed Game in February – a fun event for everyone! There will be “newlywed” couples as well as some “not so newlywed” couples competing in a fun rendition of the popular game show “The Newlywed Game”!
  - b. Mother's Day Luncheon on Mother's Day



## 2012 Schedule

**Family Life Center Service Coffee**  
**First Sunday** To be announced  
Karla Knotts  
**Second Sunday** Liz Snyder  
**Third Sunday** Penny Bryant  
**Fourth Sunday** To be announced  
**Fifth Sunday** Penny Bryant  
Subs: Karla Knotts  
Jennifer Moore  
Liz Synder

### **Recycle Pickup 2012**

**February**.... Keith and Margi Brown  
**March**..... Carl and Jean Wissinger  
**April**..... Sam and Beverly Brown  
**May** ..... C.J. and Milly Ash  
**June**..... Jonathan and Allison Bickett

### **Trustee Church Sunday Lock-up Schedule for 2012**

**February**.....To be announced

### **Acolyte Schedule for 2012**

**January 22** ..... Henry Bryant  
**January 29** ..... Henry Bryant  
**February 5** ..... Daniel Lewyn  
**February 12** ..... Daniel Lewyn  
**February 19** ..... Meredith Pool

### **Usher Schedule for 2012**

**February Team Leader**... Fred Boger



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February 9, 2012 at 12:00 Noon

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